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*In Kenya, Africa*

## Local couple to serve mission

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Dan and Edna Carson of Appomattox have been approved for auxiliary missionary service by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They will leave for Kenya, Africa on February 3.

The realization of their dream of service as auxiliary missionaries has been a long time coming....

When Dan and Edna Carson attended a World Missions Conference here in Appomattox approximately eight years ago, they were deeply moved. Going home one evening following services, they were unusually quiet. Arriving at their house located on Carson Farms Inc., they went inside, each absorbed in thought.

"Oh, how I wish I could do something in keeping with what those missionaries are doing," thought Edna. "But, all I've done is homemaking, working around the dairy farm and of course, my church work. Maybe I wouldn't qualify for any job opening they would have. Then, I wonder how Dan would feel?"

While Edna was going about some chores, deep in thought, Dan was sitting in the den. He, too, was dreaming.

"Those missionaries in that conference made me feel like I am doing so little.....and there's so much to be done. Maybe I'm a little foolish to dream, but I would love to go where there is a real need and do some type of missionary work....." on and on he dreamed.

Finally Dan and Edna talked about their dreams to each other; they realized they both wanted the same thing.....the opportunity to serve. They began looking into the opportunities, the qualifications, and all the other aspects of work in a foreign field. A lot of hard work, prayer, thought and planning went into their preparation for auxiliary missionary work. Finally in December of last year Dan and Edna completed their orientation program and they will be leaving for Kenya, Africa on February 3.

Dan will be serving as Farm Director at the Brackenhurst Baptist International Conference Center, located in Limuru, Kenya, Africa. He will be planning and implementing a program of vegetable and livestock production that will provide food and milk products for the center.

In addition he will oversee and train national workers to take responsibility of the farm at some later date.

The farm consists of 148 acres of high quality land in the Kenya highlands. The purpose is to make it possible for the center to become self sufficient in food production. Surplus livestock will be used in a program to upgrade the animals owned by local Baptist and other nationals willing to participate in a program of seminars related to animal husbandry.

Edna will be doing the things she has always done, more or less. Her duties will be similar to other missionary wives, church and home evangelism. She will accept tasks related to the farm work and will be able to relate to women's work in the local churches and community there. Housework, church work, and work around the farm....not at all unlike her work on the dairy farm and in her home community.

The Carsons, who have been married for twenty four years, will have the opportunity to be living Christian witnesses in the community in Kenya in which they will be located. They will take part in church work. At present they are members of Freedom Baptist Church, Spout Spring, the Reverend Tommy Cox, pastor.

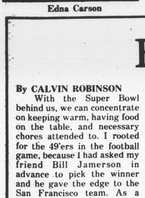
Dan has served as past moderator of the Appomattox Baptist Association and Edna has served as associational Women's Missionary Union director.

The Carson's are parents of two children, Danny and Carol. Danny is married and he, with his grandfather, Eugene Carson will be keeping the dairy farm going while Dan and Edna are in Kenya for two years.

Carol, who is single, works in Lynchburg and lives at home. She will "keep the home fires burning," so to speak, while her parents are gone.

"We'll miss our children," said Edna in speaking of the forthcoming trip, "but it is something both Dan and I want to do and we have the encouragement and blessings of both our children. We are hoping they will be visiting us while we are in Kenya. We are just so very proud that our dream has finally come true."

Dan Carson



Edna Carson

## *Merchant's licenses are due Jan. 31*

The Town of Appomattox has notified citizens that the 1982 Town Merchants License is due by January 31, 1982.

Because the 31st is on Sunday, merchants will have until Monday, Feb. 1, to purchase licenses.

Citizens are also reminded that the rates were changed effective January 1, 1982. If you have any questions regarding the new rates, please call or come by the Town Office before 5:00 p.m. each day.

The Town of Appomattox would also like to notify citizens that due to the weather conditions, water meters will not be read this billing period.

The water bills for December/January billing period will be estimates based on the last billing period's usuage.

If you have any questions, please contact the Town Office.

## OCR to open

The Office of Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County will be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon to assist the citizens of the county in the preparation of income tax returns, according to an announcement from Monte Mays, Commissioner of Revenue.

The office will be open the following Saturdays: January 30, February 6 and February 13.

The Ice

A WINTER WONDERLAND...snow, ice, sleet glistening like icing on a cake; this picturesque scene down by the bridge on the Appomattox River, Appomattox County residents have experienced the severest winter weather in many a day. School students haven't been complaining about the 'days off' due to the weather. However, most county residents are ready to welcome spring. When winter comes, can spring be far behind...' Everybody's wondering—just how far? (Photo by Allen Austin)

## Anderson chairs committee

Claude W. Anderson has become chairman of the powerful Privileges and Elections Committee as the Virginia House of Delegates goes into a new session.

Anderson, a Democrat who represents the 27th House District, has also been appointed to the prestigious Rules Committee by his long time friend and ally, A. L. Philpott of Bassett, Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker is responsible not only for making the appointments, but who also serves as chairman of the Rules Committee.

The rules committee is composed of senior members of the House. This committee establishes the rules for the operational procedures of the Delegates and also passes on all resolutions introduced. Anderson, who was first elected in 1968; is now the eighth ranking member of the House. In order to serve on the Rules Committee, he relinquished his position on the Committee on Mining and Resources Committee. He served on this committee since 1968 and as chairman since 1972.

A member of the Privileges and Elections Committee since 1970, Anderson succeeds John Gray of Hampton as chairman. This committee acts on all State and Constitional Amendments as well as all matters dealing with election laws. It had the cumbersome task of the recent redistricting for the House. Additionally, this committee deals with conflicts of interest, misfeceance and malfeasence, disciplining members and other government matters. Proposals to ratify the Equal Rights Amendments will be among the major topics the committee will be required to act upon during the present session.

The Chairman of the Privileges and Elections committee serves as assistant majority leader.

Delegate Anderson also is third ranking member of the Finance Committee and serves on the labor and Commerce Committee. He has been a member of the Virginia State Crime Commission since 1969 and is chairman of its Law Enforcement Subcommittee.

The close friendship between Anderson and Philpott began 1968 when they shared an apartment during the General Assembly. They had a good many things in common. Each was born in a small town, Anderson in Andersonville, Philpott was born at Philpott, Virginia. Each attended University of Richmond under graduates and followed this by attending University of Richmond's T. C. Williams School of Law. They hunt, fish and play golf together as well as working closely together in the legislature.

Anderson's family first settled in Andersonville early in the 19th Century. His legislative district includes the counties of Amelia, Appomattox, Buckingham, Cumberland, and all of Prince Edward except the Leigh district.

Delegate Anderson is active in religious and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Methodist Church, Ruritan Club, Lions Club, Masonic Lodge, Virginia State and Fifth Judicial Circuit Bar Associations, and Omicron Delta Kappa Society. He is a member of the Board of the First National Bank of Farmville and Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Buckingham. He has four sons, Claude, Jr., familarly known as "Woody", is a Senior at the University of Richmond who plans to enroll in Law School next fall; Raymond, a Sophomore at the University of Richmond; Morgan, a Junior at the Prince Edward Academy; and Peyton, a Freshman at Prince Edward Academy.

## Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

With the Super Bowl behind us, we can concentrate on keeping warm, having food on the table, and necessary chores attended to. I rooted for the 49'ers in the football game, because I had asked my friend Bill Jamerson in advance to pick the winner and he gave the edge to the San Francisco team. As a player and game official, Jamerson should know about such things.

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Hurrah for Allen Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, of Appomattox. Allen was 19 January 21, and is a student at Clemson University. He plays the saxophone in the Clemson Band and played at the recent Orange Bowl football classic in Florida. There are lots of Jim Smiths and our popular County Agent is a member of the "Jim Smith Society" and showed me his impressive membership card.

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In spite of weather conditions some manage to get in a lot of traveling. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paulette (Dairy Queen) had a plane trip last week to San Antonio, Texas. Ronald came by to tell me about the trip and bring a copy of the San Antonio newspaper, The Express-News. They met Roger Terry, of Pamplin, who is Chief of Police for Alamo Heights. Mrs. Paulette is the former Martha Lewis. On their trip they enjoyed stops in New Orleans and Atlanta. Thanks for the visit and paper.

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In China it is New Year's time and the year is number 4680 and it is The Year of the Dog. Well, here it is the year 1982 and it is the Year of Deep Freeze.

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Had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. George McMath, of Onley and Dave Parker, of Accomac, on their visit to Appomattox last week. They are officials of Atlantic Publications, a fine group of newspapers with which this paper is associated. Having lived and worked on The Eastern Shore before coming to Appomattox, it is always a delight to chat with friends from that gem of eastern Virginia.

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The 100th anniversary of the birth of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, brings to mind the great speech made for him in the 1936 election by the late Bill Banton of the Hollywood area of Appomatox County. Bill said "I have never seen that great man to know his face but I love the very mention of his name."

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Someone said that one way to judge a church was by its singing. Same goes for a nation. Yankee Doodle, Dixie, Lorena and Tenting Tonight and Battle Hymn of the Republic helped us through earlier wars and trying times. How about today's songs? You be the judge, but I made up a list of great songs of the World War One generation and they were great ones. Irving Berlin gave us the big one "Over There." Remember....Howya Gonna Keep'em Down on the Farm after they've seen Paree; Just Like Washington Crossed the Delaware So Will Pershing Cross the Rhine; Rose of No Man's Land (Mid the War's Great Curse Stands the Red Cross Nurse, She's The Rose of No Man's Land); In Flander's Fields, It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary; Hinky, Dinky Parlez Vous; For Your Country and My Country, and on and on as we sang our way to victory. Wish I had saved some of the old 78 rpm records but it helps to remember that you cannot defeat a people with a song in the heart. Thanks for reading and seeya around.

## *Foster care plays important role*

By FRANCES H. PAULETTE

Foster care.....a familiar term; what does it mean?

It means a substitute home for a child, who, for one reason or another, cannot stay in his or her natural home.

Conditions that make it impossible for a child to remain in the natural home vary. Death of one or both parents, abuse, neglect are among the most common causes for removing a child from the home. In some instances, temporary relinquishment of custody places a child in foster care. In some cases, parents request to be relieved of custody.

In Appomattox County, eight children are in the Foster Care Program. Three of these are residing in adoptive homes.

In the State of Virginia the program is providing substitute homes for 8,283 children. The majority of the children are 13 years of age or older.

The 2,145 children who entered foster care last year in Virginia (Fiscal year '80-'81) came into the custody of local welfare boards for the following reasons: Abuse or neglect - 40 percent of children; Temporary relinquishment of custody, 24 percent; Children in need of services, 17 percent (Non Del Inquint Violations of Law); Parents requested to be relieved of custody 13 percent; Delinquent, 3 percent of children. Reason indeterminable from automated data systems-3 percent of children.

Of those who entered foster care last year in Virginia, 41 percent had fathers, 14 percent had mothers who were absent from the home or who deserted. Twenty seven percent of the children had mother who needed services primarily to help them manage and care for their children.

As of June '81, 50.5 percent of the children were white and 19.5 percent were non white; 53 percent were male and 47 percent were female. Forty one percent of the children in foster care had one or more physical, mental or emotional handicap.

While the average length of time in care is 4.3 years, the number of children who remain in care for over two years is decreasing. Of the 3,353 children who left foster care in the State of Virginia last year, 17 percent of them were returned to their parents and 16 percent were adopted.

Of the eight children in the foster care program in Appomattox County, three are white, five are black; five are male and three are female.

The legal basis for custody of the eight children in Appomattox foster care program is as follows: Abuse-Neglect - four; entrustment - three; and parents request one.

Ages of the eight in the program in this county are as follows: Under one year - two; one to five years - one; 11 - 15 years - 2; and 16 - 18 years - three. One of the eight is mentally retarded.

Getting a child who is in the Foster Care Program back with his or her parents is the first priority of goals. Adoption is the second priority.

Many children remain on the state wide adoption listing for over one year with no prospective parents in sight.

Program goals for these eight children in the Appomattox County program is to have one of these returned home if this was the goal when the child was placed in care; three to be adopted; three in permanent foster care and one in continued foster care.

Miss Susan Wright, a native of Nelson County, is the Foster Child Care worker for the Appomattox County Department of Social Services.

For more information on the Foster Care Program, write to Miss Wright, Appomattox County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 517, Appomattox, Virginia 24522

## Boosters to meet

The Athletic Boosters Club will meet on February 1 at 7:30 in the Appomatox County High School Library.

All members are urged to attend.

## *Fundraiser slated*

American Legion Post 104 will hold its annual sale of 1983 calendars and other advertising materials used as promotional items in business on Wednesday, Feb. 3 in the American Legion Building.

The public is invited to view the display from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This is a major fund raising project for the local American Legion. You pay the same price you would pay any other representative for this type of promotional material and the Legion benefits only from the salesman's commission.

Legion officials request businesses who purchase this type of material to visit the display or call 352-7138 for further information.

## Lions meeting set

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held at Maude's Restaurant on Thursday, January 28 at 6:45 p.m.

Kenneth Hudgins, Executive Director of Old Dominion Eye Bank and Research Inc. in Richmond will present a program on the Eye Bank.

## Dateline to change

Beginning next week, the Times-Virginian will be printed on Wednesday morning and distributed to the post office on Wednesday afternoon.

Subscribers on the rural route in Appomattox County will get their copies of the paper on Thursday morning. The paper will be available on local newsstands Wednesday afternoon.

This will allow an extra day for readers and advertisers to get material to the Times-Virginian office for publication. The copy deadline for news and advertising is currently 3 p.m. Monday.

Under the new plan, the deadline for material to be published will be 2 p.m. Tuesday.